

MINUTES
DECENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, May 23, 2024
1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles Illinois 60714

I. CALL TO ORDER

Superintendent Balling called the Decennial Committee Meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024, in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

II. ROLL CALL

Superintendent Balling called the roll. Present were Committee Members - Chairman Pietron, Commissioner La Margo, Treasurer Hanna Sullivan, Resident Keith Hancock, Resident Stephen Costa, and Superintendent Balling. Absent was Commissioner Fowler,

Also present was Jared Hamilton of Stanley, Attorney Terry Liston and Kathy Thake of Village of Niles.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Pietron led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. **Regular Meeting April 30, 2024**

Committee Member Hanock made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Costa, to approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2024. On roll call, the vote was:

YEAS 5 Pietron, Hancock, Costa, Sullivan, Balling

NAYS 0

ABSENT 0 Fowler

ABSTAIN 1 La Margo

There being 5 affirmative votes, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Presentation and Discussion of Governing Structure (Attorney Liston)**

Attorney Liston provided a detailed overview of the governing structure outlining each member's water supply. Both members entered into an intergovernmental agreement and negotiated an agreement with the City of Evanston for the supply of water for both communities. The IGA is a legal structure which has been the foundation since day one to ensure efficiency and savings to each member. The Commission provides many of the operational structures and 75-80% of financing may be conducted through a tax levy which has not been utilized. The Evanston agreement is structured in such a way that it is capped at 4% year over year.

Commissioner Fowler joined the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

b. Presentation and Discussion of Operating System Efficiencies (Engineers Stanley and Assoc.)

Engineer Hamilton presented a comprehensive slideshow to the Committee on the construction of the system and its efficiencies.

Superintendent Balling stated that the next steps for the Decennial Committee will be to receive a draft report and provide feedback. Furthermore, Attorney Liston stated that the purpose of this Commission was to provide cost savings for its members which is estimated around \$240 million over next 40+ years.

- VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – No members of the public were present at the meeting location.
- VIII. NEXT MEETING - July 25, 2024
- IX. ADJOURNMENT – Chairman Pietron made a motion, seconded by Commissioner La Margo, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Approved by the MGNWC Decennial Committee
at its July 27, 2024 Meeting


